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## STEAM PLANT IS FIRED UP

Emergency Electric Plant of Reedy River Power Company Receives First Real Test Last Week. Now Supplying River Plants.

The emergency steam plant of the Reedy River Power Company which has been under construction for the past several months, has been practically completed and was put into service for the first time last Tuesday night about 7:30 o'clock just as the large crowd of people was watching the election returns in front of The Advertiser office. As the water in the Reedy River, where the company's two hydro-electric plants are located, has been at a low level on account of the drought, the emergency plant has been in operation most of the time since the opening night taking care of light and power consumers who otherwise would have been inconvenienced by the lack of electric current.

The plant is located across the railroad from the city water-works pumping station in the western section of the city. Plans for the erection of the plant were drawn up last fall, following the severe drought of the summer before, when the power company was unable to keep its hydro-electric plants running at full capacity. The building was begun during the winter, plans being drawn by J. E. Strine & Company, of Greenville, and brick being made at the Fleming brick yard under the supervision of J. F. Harney, superintendent of the company, who also superintended the erection of the building and the installation of the machinery. The mechanical equipment consists of four 250 horse-power boilers and two sets of Allis-Chalmers turbine generators with accessory machinery. The building is erected with one side of frame so that it may be enlarged later if the needs require it.

Speaking of the new plant, Mr. Harney said that it will materially solve one of the most difficult problems that the power company has had to face in serving its customers. Nearly every summer, he said, when the water of the Reedy River reached low levels it has been necessary to shut down one or another of the power plants and some times both of them. With the steam plant supplementing the river plants enough power will be available, he said, to carry the full load unless an unusually severe dry spell comes.

Asked as to the time it will take to fire up the boilers and start the generators running, Mr. Harney said that it would require about an hour and a half. Where minor accidents occur to the power line or at the river stations, consumers, he said, should not become impatient and expect the steam plant to be fired up at once as it will cause considerable waste of fuel and time. In most of such instances, he said, the trouble can be remedied before the steam plant can be put in operation. The plant will be used primarily, he said, where it is evident that power from the river plants will be cut off for a considerable period.

## HOSPITAL OPENS MONDAY

Dr. Hugh R. Black, Jr., to be Resident Surgeon. Nurses Already Arrived.

Announcement was made this week that the Julia Irby hospital, which has been closed for over a year and which has been undergoing repairs for several weeks, will be re-opened next Monday morning. The hospital will be under the management of Doctors Hugh R. Black, Jr., Dr. S. O. Black and Dr. Hugh R. Black, Jr., all of Spartanburg.

Dr. Hugh R. Black, Jr., will arrive in the city the latter part of the week and take up his residence at the hospital and be in direct charge of the institution. The other two doctors will continue to reside in Spartanburg but will be called in when the occasion demands it.

## Gathering for Singers

Mr. Thos. B. Childress has announced a meeting of singers to be held in the court house Sunday afternoon, September 24, beginning at 2 o'clock. All singers in the county or others interested in music are invited to attend. Mr. Childress states that several gifted singers from out of the county have been invited and that a big day is promised for those who attend. He wants everybody to come and bring their song books.

## CHURCHES JOIN FOR FAREWELL SERVICE

Union Service to be Held at First Baptist Church Sunday Evening.

Union services, in which all the churches of the city will participate, will be held at the First Baptist church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock when farewells will be expressed to Rev. S. H. Templeman and his family before their departure for Elizabeth City, N. C., where Mr. Templeman goes after October 1st. The call for the union service was issued by the local ministerial union through its secretary, Rev. C. T. Squires, and is as follows:

"In order that we may express our appreciation and esteem for the pastor of the First Baptist church, the other up-town churches will worship at the Baptist church next Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock, to bid God-speed to our beloved brother the Rev. Samuel H. Templeman, who leaves next week for Elizabeth City, N. C."

"C. T. SQUIRES,  
"Secy. Ministerial Union."

## WHO WANTS A NEW DEAL FOR PRESIDENT

Louis A. Baird, of St. Louis, Calls for Help in Being Elected President.

Says Harding "Not Smart Enough."

If there is anybody in Laurens who has not made up their minds as to whom they are going to support for President in 1924, they might take on Louis A. Baird, of St. Louis, Mo., now at the National Soldiers Home in Virginia. Baird is putting on a postal card campaign for the Republican nomination and has enlisted the help of the newspapers, including The Advertiser, to whom he has addressed a postal card setting forth his qualifications for the office besides giving a few side-lights on candidates and platforms. Mr. Baird admits that he is "a distinguished man," although he is "small, bald-headed and a bachelor."

Mr. Harding, he thinks, is "too old, not smart enough."

For the information of those who might want to support Mr. Baird next year, his postal card is printed, as follows:

Baird for Republican president, 1924 nomination. I deserve your help if you could learn all facts. I have made sacrifice to be what I profess to be. I am a small man, age 44, lawyer, bachelor, bald-headed hero of Spain war and P. I. insurance 1899; a Roosevelt Bull Moose too. I am a distinguished man, was honored by some votes of national delegates for presidential nomination of 1920 convention at Chicago, Ill. Hurray! "Dixie". One of my grandparents came from North Carolina about 1820 to Illinois. I was a "Dixie" soldier 1898 in a Texas volunteer infantry regiment in Cuba. We need a new president. Mr. Harding is a poor executive, too old, not smart enough. One term is enough. \$100,000. Don't you agree too?

## Civic League Plans Flower Show

The Civic League of Laurens is planning a lovely fall flower show to be given sometime in the beginning of October. The show is not only for the women of Laurens, but any of the women of the county who have pretty flowers are invited to compete. Many valuable prizes will be given for the best exhibits of autumn blooms. Either a banquet or an oyster supper will be given by the league on the night of the show.

Further announcements of committees in charge and of classes of flowers will be made in the near future. In the meantime the women are asked to care for their plants so that a number of beautiful exhibits may be shown.

Mrs. Albert Dial has returned from a visit to Mrs. Chiles Calhoun in Darlington.

Miss Beulah Ballie has returned home after spending the summer in the mountains.

## To Work Clinton Road Next

Mr. George Anderson, who with Mr. Artemus Long, is in charge of the top-soll roads under the state highway department, said yesterday that his force had been able to partially smooth off the road between Owings and Fountain Inn since the showers of a day or two ago, but that the rain had not been sufficient to allow them to complete the job. The weather man permitting, he said they hoped to finish this job very soon and then they would turn their attention to the road from Laurens to Clinton.

## MRS. J. C. SMITH DIED SATURDAY

Wife of J. C. Smith, President of the Bank of Waterloo, Dies After Much Suffering.

Mrs. Genevieve Wharton Smith, wife of J. Caspar Smith, president of the Bank of Waterloo, died at the family residence in Waterloo Saturday night at 9 o'clock after an illness of several months during which she was a constant sufferer. She had been gradually growing weaker for some time, so her death was not unexpected though it came as a great shock to her many friends in this and adjoining counties.

The funeral services were held in the Waterloo Methodist church, in which she had been a constant and devout worker for many years, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives followed the body to the church and from thence to the graveyard on the opposite side of town where the interment took place. Many leading ministers of the Methodist church from all sections of the state were present, including Dr. John O. Willson, president of Lander college, Dr. E. S. Jones, pastor of the First Methodist church at Greenwood, Rev. J. Rhett Turnipseed, of Spartanburg, Rev. James P. Kilgo, of Columbia, Rev. P. F. Kilgo, of Laurens, Rev. J. T. Miller, of Pendleton, Rev. J. C. Roper, of Chester, Dr. A. N. Brunson, of Greenwood, Rev. J. R. T. Major, of Rock Hill, Rev. Booth, of Ninety Six and others. Among those present also was a committee from the Jos. B. Kershaw Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Laurens, of which Mrs. Smith had long been a devoted member. The music for the services was led by the quartet of the Upper South Carolina conference, of which Rev. Turnipseed is leader. Rev. J. F. Lupo, her pastor, conducted the services, assisted by others of the visiting ministers, Dr. John Willson saying the benediction.

Mrs. Smith was a daughter of the late Col. John H. Wharton and was 46 years of age. Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, J. C. Jr., and Robert, besides the following brother and sisters: W. Carl Wharton, of Waterloo; Mrs. Alonzo Keller and Mrs. Andrew Taylor, of Greenwood; Mrs. H. C. Fuller, of Waterloo, and Mrs. Jonas P. Gray, of Woodruff.

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## Mrs. Jane Craig Dead

Widow of Late S. J. Craig Died at her Home Near Ora Sunday Night.

Mrs. Jane McCrory Craig, widow of the late Samuel J. Craig, of Ora, died at her home a short distance from Ora Sunday night about 11 o'clock. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Old Fields Presbyterian church, of which she had been for many years a member. Rev. Mr. Woodworth conducting the services assisted by Rev. C. T. Squires. A large number of people from many sections of the county were present to pay their last respects.

The deceased was about 81 years of age. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, as follows: S. J. Craig, of Ora; N. A. Craig, of Greenwood; and Misses Lizzie and Belle Craig, of Ora. She is also survived by a stepson, J. S. Craig, son of her husband by an earlier marriage.

## ROMANCE NOT DEAD

IN GRAY COURT

Young Couple Joined in the Bonds of Wedlock While Seated in an Auto.

That romance is not dead in Gray Court, was attested by an unusual wedding that took place on the campus of the Methodist church on September the ninth when Miss Pool, of Woodruff, was united in marriage to Mr. Golden, of Augusta. Throughout the ceremony the bridal couple remained seated in their automobile with the friends who had accompanied them grouped about them in the car.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. Watson, of the Gray Court Methodist church, who stood with one foot on the running board of the car and the other on the ground as he united the couple. Mrs. Watson, the wife of the minister, with her little daughter, Margaret, witnessed the wedding from a nearby swing.

The organ of the churchyard formed a beautiful natural setting for the ceremony, while the songs of the birds provided the bridal music.

## ORA ROAD GETS ATTENTION

State Highway Engineer Says Contract for Top-Soll Work May be Let by October 15th.

The contract for the completion of the top-soll road between Ora and Watts Mills may be let by October 15, according to a letter received Monday by W. R. McCuen, secretary of the Laurens Business League, from Chas. H. Moorefield, state highway engineer.

In his letter to Mr. McCuen, Mr. Moorefield states that his department is expecting every day the approval of the project by the department at Washington. The preliminary documents, he states, were mailed to Washington August 10th and so far as he knows no objection has been raised regarding the acceptability of the project. Ordinarily, he says, about six weeks elapses between the submission of a project and its approval where no objections are raised.

## SOLDIER BONUS BILL MAY GET VETO

President Harding Expected to Veto Veterans' Bonus Bill. May Pass Over His Head.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Information that President Harding had made up his mind definitely to veto the soldiers' bonus bill reached senate leaders today from some of his close advisers. They said his message of disapproval would be sent to the house next Tuesday.

After receiving this word, the majority leaders made a preliminary canvass of the senate, which was said to have shown 34 votes against over-riding a veto, or two more than the number necessary to prevent final enactment of the bonus legislation.

This margin was understood, however, to be regarded by some friends of the president as too narrow and they expect Mr. Harding to call several senators to the White House before Tuesday for a discussion of the situation. With many senators absent from Washington, it was asserted by some that it was difficult to assess senate sentiment at this time.

Many of the absentees, it was stated, could not possibly get back to Washington in time to vote. Five senators are in Europe, while four others are in the far west. Several others will be detained by their own illness or that of members of their families. Every effort will be made to pair absentees, but it was explained that it might not be possible to pair all of them and it was conceded that the absence of pairs in even a few cases might have a material effect on the outcome.

Mr. Harding's advisers expect him to set forth in vigorous manner his reasons for a veto. From the first he has insisted that bonus legislation should carry a method of financing it and he also has voiced disapproval of "piece-meal" payment to the World War veterans, declaring that it would be better to postpone payment than to make it in such a manner.

Should the bonus be returned to the house, managers of it there planned to move promptly to pass it over the veto. The general belief at the capitol was that far more than the necessary two-thirds majority could be obtained there to over-ride the veto.

The bonus bill, bearing the signatures of Speaker Gillette and President Pro-Tempore Cummins, of the senate, was taken to the White House late today by Chairman Rickettes, of the house committee on enrolled bills, and Representative Thompson, another republican member from Ohio. Generally bills are transmitted to the executive offices by house messengers.

As the treasury had closed for the day at that time, the bill remained at the White House. It is expected, however that it will be sent Monday to Secretary Mellon for his examination and an opinion. This is the regular course of procedure. From the treasury it would be returned to the president for his action.

Just before the bonus reached the White House, there was presented at the executive offices a "request" to the president from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to veto the bill. The request, in the form of a brief, was accompanied by a letter from President Julius H. Barnes, who asked Mr. Harding's consideration of the chamber's brief as constituting an argument for veto.

## CITY WATER SUPPLY NOT CONTAMINATED

State Chemist Reports Water of Good Quality and Free From Contamination.

Although not risking any comments on the taste of the local water supply State Chemist F. L. Parker, Jr., of Charleston, in his periodical report as received by the board of health last week, gave the local water supply a clean bill of health insofar as bacterial indications of contamination were concerned. Prefacing his bacterial analysis with the usual chemical analysis which the laity doesn't generally understand, the bacterial analysis was as follows:

Bacterial indications of contamination—negative.

Remarks—Analysis indicates water to be of good quality and free from contamination.

The analysis was made from a sample sent by the local superintendent of water supply and received by the chemist September 5th.

It will be recalled that the local board of health early in the summer recommended that water from the local supply be boiled before use as a measure of precaution. Dr. W. D. Ferguson, chairman of the board, said yesterday that the findings of the state chemist were not unexpected by the board and that its recommendation as to boiling the local water before use was intended merely as a precaution against contaminations which might creep in between reports of the chemist and that this precaution is still recommended.

Because of the objectionable taste of the water supply, both before and after boiling, many local people this summer, as in past summers, have been using water from Holmes spring and from the deep well at the country club.

## WELL KNOWN M. E. MINISTER IS DEAD

Rev. Wm. A. Massebeau, Former Pastor of Buncombe St. Church, Passes. Johnsonville, Sept. 17.—Rev. William Augustus Massebeau, widely known Methodist minister, died here today after a long illness. He will be buried in Chester on Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Massebeau was born in Spartanburg, July 13, 1866, the son of Rev. John B. Massebeau. He graduated from Wofford college in 1889 and taught school at Smithville for two years. Afterward he was principal of Henron Academy in Darlington county for two years. He was licensed to preach by the Darlington circuit quarterly conference in 1892 and in 1893 was admitted to the South Carolina conference at Sumter.

He married Miss Rosa Oliver Carson of Orangeburg county June 30, 1890. He was pastor, at various times, of Grace church, Union; Greenwood, Ridgeville, Central church, Spartanburg; Buncombe street church, Greenville, and others. He served eight years on the church's board of missions and the conference board of education and was delegate to the general conference in 1914.

He is survived by his widow, one son, John Massebeau of Johnsonville, and three daughters, Mrs. Clyde Carter, Chester; Mrs. Thurston Boland, Springfield, and Miss Frances Massebeau, of Johnsonville.

## TO ESTABLISH MARKET DAYS

Gray Court and Owings to have Market Days Each Week for Benefit of School Association.

Announcement has been made from Gray Court that the ladies of the Gray Court-Owings School Improvement association is to hold a market day on Saturday of each week at Gray Court and Owings when farm and garden produce from the surrounding country is to be sold co-operatively and the proceeds be used for the installation of a lighting and water plant in the school building maintained by the two towns. The first market day is to be held Saturday, September 23, when markets will be operated at both Gray Court and Owings.

In sending out the notice of the marketing days, the committee has urged all house-keepers to visit the market early before the produce is picked over or exhausted.

## Preaching at Gray Court

Preaching service will be held at Dorroh Presbyterian church, Gray Court, next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. C. T. Squires.

## M. SHELL SWYGERT ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Crushed by Train in Shifting Yard of Seaboard Railroad Near Columbia.

M. Shell Swygert, son of Mr. Brooks Swygert, of this city, met with a fatal accident in the Cayce yards of the Seaboard Air Line railroad on the outskirts of Columbia last Wednesday morning and died a few hours later at the Baptist hospital where he was carried immediately after the accident. His father rushed to Columbia by automobile immediately after he was notified of the accident, but did not arrive until after his son had passed away. Mr. Thos. I. Swygert, a brother of the deceased, who also lives in Columbia, was on his way to Atlantic City and was advised by wire of the accident but he was not able to reach here until after the funeral.

Mr. Swygert had been employed by the Seaboard railroad in the Cayce yards for about three weeks. Previously he had been employed by the Southern. The accident occurred when he was about to couple two freight cars, but exactly how it occurred has not been learned here except that he was crushed between one car that was standing still and another one approaching from the rear.

The body was brought here Wednesday evening and the funeral services took place from the home of Capt. Swygert Thursday afternoon, interment taking place in the Laurens cemetery. The services were conducted by Dr. A. J. Bowers, of Greenwood, assisted by Dr. H. A. McCullough, of Columbia, and Rev. S. H. Templeman and Rev. P. F. Kilgo, of this city.

The deceased was 36 years of age and has lived in Columbia for the past few years. He is survived by his wife, a native of Columbia, his father, Capt. Brooks Swygert, his step-mother, one brother, Mr. Thos. I. Swygert, and one sister, Miss Sarah Eliza Swygert, a student at Converse college.

By close attention to his duties and kindly unassuming character he had made many friends in Columbia while his death was a sad blow to his many friends with whom he had grown up here.

## AUGUSTA MURDER MYSTERY VERY COMPLEX AFFAIR

North Carolina Sheriff Orders the Release of Prisoner.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 15.—Chief of Police C. E. Grubbs this morning received a wire from Sheriff R. E. Lewis of Robinson County, N. C., ordering him to release Frank Summers, 35, who yesterday confessed to the killing on February 19, 1921, at Marietta, N. C., of Manning Ford.

According to Sheriff Lewis' message there is no record of the murder and authorities have failed to find any body in the vicinity in which the alleged crime was committed.

Chief Grubbs has wired the attorney of North Carolina for further instructions.

Summers is being held in the local jail, and will be held until a reply is received.

In a signed statement Summers said that he killed Ford with an axe after a quarrel over whiskey and that he carried the body a quarter of a mile from his home near which the killing occurred and left it near a little used road.

Local police officers say that they were tipped off by Summers' wife who is now in Augusta. She followed her husband who left North Carolina about seven weeks after the alleged killing. Summers was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct. Questioned by the police he denied having killed a man, but when shown a coat said to have been the property of Ford he broke down and told of the alleged killing.

## SCHOOL SUBSCRIPTIONS

We remind school teachers and college students of the special subscription rate of \$1.00 for the school year.

Subscriptions are payable in advance. In order that these subscriptions may be entered at the same time and on the same section of the mailing list, we urge those expecting to subscribe to do so before leaving home.

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